

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 2, 2020

Beds for Freezing Nights (BFN)

The City Manager held a meeting with representatives from Beds for Freezing Nights, Community Sharing, Lane County and Cottage Village Coalition to discuss the operation of BFN during the cold months coming. COVID-19 concerns and precautions will make it difficult to operate safely and the meeting discussed a number of options to ensure the safety of volunteers and guests. Possible solutions are being explored.

Small Business Emergency Grant Program

The City has joined the partnership with Lane County and cities throughout the County to offer Small Business Emergency Grants for businesses impacted by COVID-19. The grants are available for businesses with 25 or fewer employees. Small businesses can submit applications for the County Grant program between October 5th and 7th. More information about the Lane County Grant program and application forms are available at the Community Lending Works webpage at www.communitylendingworks.org.

The Cottage Grove/Biz Oregon Grant program resulted in 15 grants for a total of \$40,000 in grants to small businesses in the community. Two businesses have taken advantage of the Cottage Grove Business loan program for total of \$20,000. The City has closed the grant program and moved the remaining City funds to the Lane County program. The loan program is still available and information can be found on the Community Lending Works webpage.

Downtown Halloween Cruise

Plans continue to be finalized for the Downtown Halloween Cruise (a drive-thru Spooktacular event) on Main Street beginning at 3:00 pm on October 31st. The Chamber of Commerce and MainStreet will be providing more information about the event. Businesses and organizations can learn more information about how to participate and meet the COVID-19 precautions from the Chamber of Commerce or MainStreet. Watch for more information coming soon.

Youth Advisory Council

Any youth between 7th and 12th grades living within the South Lane School District boundaries that would like to participate in the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council are invited to contact the City Manager's office. Recruitment and YAC activities for 2020-21 will be different than previous years. But it should be an interesting and worthwhile experience. If you know of any youth that might be interested in learning more about local government encourage them to give the City Manager's office a call (541) 942-5501 or email the City Manager at citymanager@cottagegrove.org.

Police Department

On Wednesday, September 30th, Police Department staff traveled to Covanta, a company in Brooks, Oregon that permanently destroys drugs, guns, etc., to burn approximately 543 pounds of prescription drugs. The prescription drugs were discarded in the secure drop off bin located in the department's lobby between October 23, 2019 and September 25, 2020.

Veteran Home Repair Fundraising Update

Cottage Grove's Building Official, Jason Bush, has been working with a Veteran and his family in Creswell to improve their current recently remodeled home. This week Jason was on KNND discussing the project. Since the air-time on KNND, there have been almost \$5,000 in donations on the GO FUND ME account which can be found at: www.gofundme.com/f/southmayd-veteran-home-repair. This fund is approaching \$10,000. In addition, we have commitments for:

- 1) A complete plumbing installation, which includes labor and typical supplies and materials found on their trucks; Brothers Plumbing.
- 2) A complete fire suppression system per NFPA 13D; Harvey & Price.
- 3) Complete electrical installation, which includes labor and typical materials and supplies contained on their service trucks; Superior Electric.
- 4) Plans are in the second phase of refinement. The home is being designed to meet the disabilities of our veteran, both current and eventual; Robert Coryell Designs and River's Edge Engineering; and.
- 5) Complete interior and exterior painting; High Cascade Painting and Construction.

Jason has also secured a commercial general superintendent and basic construction crew supplied by Bridgeway Contracting, LLC. At this point we are awaiting the final plans and engineering so that we can start doing material take-offs. Once we have those, we plan on contacting some supply warehouses for various construction packages such as lumber package(s) trim & siding package, roof covering package, plumbing fixtures, insulation package, door and windows, counters, cabinets, floor coverings, and interior trim & molding.

Lastly, Jason has been in contact with the Lane County Building and Planning Department in order to expedite this approval as much as possible as we patiently await the final plans. Site work and a slightly built-up construction pad has taken the forefront of our priority at this time as we work through planning and building approvals.

Together, Bob Buss of Bridgeway Contracting and Jason feel they will also be able to secure donations for things like concrete, trusses, and site work.

Safe Routes to School & Fillmore Stormwater Outfall Project Update

Wildish Construction has scheduled paving for Monday, October 5 and Tuesday October 6 on Phase 1 of the Safe Routes to School Project. Paving will consist of placing 2 inches of hot asphaltic concrete on the portion of South 4th Street that has been under construction this summer.

Work will start around 8:00 am at the intersection of South 4th Street and Grant Avenue and will proceed north on South 4th Street.

People can expect delays up to 10-15 minutes when the paving starts at the intersection. Please plan accordingly to ensure on time arrival to your destination.

The asphalt will be placed and compacted before traffic will be allowed to drive on it. The construction workers, not flaggers, will assist drivers to get through the intersection, so please look around at the different workers on site to get assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

If you have any questions, please contact Colin Cunningham or Rich Hamm of Wildish at (541) 485-1700 or Zach Ireland of the City of Cottage Grove at (541) 942-3349.

September 2020 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of September the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 36 permits, two for new single family dwellings, and performed 107 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 14 permits were issued and 39 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 20 permits were issued, three for new single family dwellings, and 66 inspections were performed. In Cobourg no permits were issued and 10 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 22 plan sets in September and an additional 18 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Quote of the Week:

“Saying thanks to the world, and acknowledging your own accomplishments, is a great way to feel good and stay positive.”

~ Rachel Robins, How To Feel Good About Yourself~